PURPOSE: To inform the OA and the State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAA) staff, Registered Apprenticeship program sponsors and other Registered Apprenticeship partners of the approval of revised National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards for the International Union of Operating Engineers National Training Fund for the occupations of Operating Engineer, Wind Turbine Technician, and Geothermal and Well Drilling Operator.

BACKGROUND: The National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards, submitted by Mr. Steve Brown, on behalf of the International Union of Operating Engineers, were approved by the OA Administrator on July 22, 2011. These National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards are a model for developing local apprenticeship programs registered with the OA or a SAA for the occupations of Operating Engineer, Wind Turbine Technician, and Geothermal and Well Drilling Operator.

ACTION: The OA staff should familiarize themselves with this bulletin. A copy of the National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards and the Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outlines are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirk A. Jefferson, Apprenticeship and Training Representative, Division of Standards and National Industry Promotion, at 202-693-3399.

NOTE: This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.

Attachment: REVISED NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS